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SUBJ: MUNITIONS CONTROL: ATTEMPTED UNAUTHORIZED
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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED PORT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES
WITH TURKISH EMBASSY CHARGE AUGUST 16. (TURKISH ARE
CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN MAJOR EXPANSION PROGRAM FOR
TRIPOLI PORT.) TURKISH EMBASSY UNABLE TO SHED ANY
LIGHT ON LIBYAN ARAB NAVY'S POSSIBLE USE OF
SUBMARINE NETS FOR PORT USE. TURKS POINT OUT THAT
ALL HARBOR CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE IS RESPONSIBILITY
OF DIRECTORATE OF PORTS AND LIGHTS, NOT REPEAT NOT
THE LIBYAN ARAB NAVY.

2. WHILE WE ARE NOT TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED COMMENT ON LIKELY
USE OF SUBMARINE NETS AS ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL,
WE CAN CONFIDENTLY REPORT THAT LIBYAN ARAB NAVY IS
NOT REPEAT NOT ENGAGED IN ANY ROAD BUILDING PROJECTS
AT THIS TIME. EMBASSY COULD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN
APPOINTMENT THROUGH MFA WITH MILITARY PROCUREMENT OFFICE WHERE,
WE BELIEVE, CONTRACT FOR SUBMARINE NETS WAS MADE.

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HOWEVER, WE DO NOT RECOMMEND IT.

3. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CONSULT WITH EXPORTER.
BELIEVE THERE CONSIDERABLE DOUBT AS TO NON-MILITARY
PURPOSE TO WHICH LIBYANS WILL PUT THESE SUBMARINE NETS.
BURDEN OF PROOF SHOULD, IN THIS CASE, REST WITH EXPORTER
AND CONFIGNEE. WE LOOK FORWARD WITH INTEREST TO THE
EXPLANATIONS WHICH WILL BE OFFERED BY THE EXPORTER
AND THE LIBYAN ARAB NAVY.
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